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Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7-13 and 24 as follows (a marked-up version to show changes made appears as an appendix starting on a separate page from the rest of this paper):

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1. (Amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:
parsing input source information into elements;
identifying an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element; and
converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element.

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3. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 2, further comprising the step of:
applying a source placeable identifier to determine a type of said source placeable element.

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5. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
designating a type of said source placeable element;

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applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of said source placeable element.

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7. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

converting said source placeable element into a language-independent format.

8. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

placing said source placeable element directly into a target output.

9. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said date into a target information according to a target locale information.

10. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

11. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;
converting said source placeable element into a meta-representation.

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12. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;
converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

13. (Amended) A method for processing source information according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

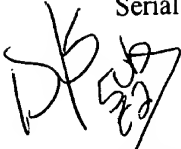
determining whether said source placeable element requires conversion.


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17. (Amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

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a parser;
an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;
a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier; and
a placeable converter,

 wherein the element identifier identifies an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the element.

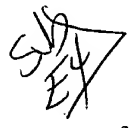
 18. (Amended) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

 a parser for parsing source information into elements;


an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria based on the content of the elements;

a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type; and

a placeable converter.

 24. (Amended) A method for processing source information comprising the steps

of:

 parsing input source information into elements;

identifying a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the content of the source placeable element; and

calculating at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element.

Please add new claims 25-43.

25. (New) A method for processing source information comprising the steps

of:

parsing input source information into elements;

identifying an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the element; and

converting at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element.

26. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25,

further comprising the step of:

determining a source locale.

27. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 26,

further comprising the step of:

applying a source placeable identifier to determine a type of said source placeable element.

28. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25,

further comprising the step of:

determining a target locale.

29. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

designating a type of said source placeable element;

applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of said source placeable element.

30. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:

applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

31. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

converting said source placeable element into a language-independent format.

32. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;

placing said source placeable element directly into a target output.

33. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;

converting said date into a target information according to a target locale information.

34. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;
converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

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35. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a proper noun;
converting said source placeable element into a meta-representation.

36. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether said source placeable element is a date;
converting said source placeable element into a language independent format.

37. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

determining whether said source placeable element requires conversion.

38. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, further comprising the step of:

determining output requirement for conversions.

39. (New) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

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an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;

a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier; and

a placeable converter,

wherein the element identifier identifies an element as a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the element.

40. (New) A computer driven language processing system for processing source information comprising:

a parser for parsing source information into elements;

an element identifier identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria based on the elements;

a type designator for designating said placeable elements by type; and

a placeable converter.

41. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element includes a calculation for converting a source currency into a target currency, said calculation for converting is automatic.

42. (New) A method for processing source information according to claim 25, wherein converting at least a portion of said source placeable element includes a mathematical calculation, said mathematical calculation is automatic.

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43. (New) A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

parsing input source information into elements;

identifying a source placeable element by predetermined criteria based on the source placeable element; and

calculating at least a portion of said source placeable element into a target placeable element.
